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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 July 2001 and 23 October 2001.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 1 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 2-20 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 13 July 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10232001, 12192002.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the application filed on 7/13/01 and the preliminary amendment filed 10/23/01.

Specification

1. On page 1, line 23-25, the pseudo-random sequence used to spread a digital data signal is called “pre-defined code”). However, on page 2, lines 3-5 and on page 9, lines 7-11, a PN pilot signal used for synchronization purpose are also called “predefined code”. It is not clear which definition of “pre-defined code” should be considered.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 14 is objected to because of the following informalities: “said start time offset” in line 1 should be changed to --- said start time offset ---. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 2-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 2 recites the limitation "said first plurality" in line 13. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 3 recites the limitation "said first plurality" in line 16. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 4 recites the limitation "said first plurality" in line 13. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 5 recites the limitation "said first plurality" in lines 15-16. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 11 recites the limitation "said correlation result" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 18 recites the limitation "said first plurality" in line 17. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Regarding claim 20, claim 20 recites in the last two lines, "... use said combined set of correlation values to calculate the strength of a received pilot signal", which implies that the received pilot signal and the "said predefined code" recited in the last line of claim 18 are two different signals. In this case, the applicants are invited to indicate which signal in the specification is referred as the claimed "predefined code".

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claim 1 is allowed. Claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art of record does not teach or suggest "selecting out of said first and said second sets a maximal correlation value for use in calculating a strength of said predefined code in said bit stream."

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Chen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,775,318), Struhsaker et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,434,185), Davis et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,592,518).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chieh M Fan whose telephone number is (571) 272-3042. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00AM-5:30PM, Alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on (571) 272-3056. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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